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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: APARTHEID

1. NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF
UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE AND AFRICAN GROUP CHAIRMAN FOR
MARCH, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AFTERNOON MARCH 10.
AMBASSADOR YOUNG BEGAN BY SUGGESTING TO HARRIMAN THAT
SC EMBARK UPON AN "ACTION STRATEGY" LEADING TO PROGRESS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SHOULD THE TURNHALLE CONFERENCE
MOVE FORWARD ON THE CREATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT,
SOUTH AFRICA THEREBY WOULD CONSTITUTE A MENACE IN
SOUTHERN ANGOLA BY VIRTUE OF ITS LEVERAGE IN WINDHOEK.
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THE US AND THE EC-9 HAVE TOLD SOUTH AFRICA THAT TURNHALLE
IS NOT SATISFACTORY. NOW, WE HOPE TO HAVE EACH OF THE
WESTERN COUNTRIES MAKE COORDINATED DEMARCHES IN
CAPITALS TO SOUTH AFRICA TO EMPHASIZE ITS POSITION.
AT THE SAME TIME, THE SC CAN MOVE ALONG ON THE IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF RES 385.

2. HARRIMAN AGREED THAT IT IS VORSTER'S INTENTION TO CREATE "POCKET GOVERNMENTS" IN NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA. THE AFRICANS FEAR SOUTH AFRICA BEING BROUGHT IN AS A "RESPONSIBLE" NEGOTIATING PARTNER. HARRIMAN OUTLINED THE FOUR "WORKING PAPERS", TEXTS OF WHICH ARE FORWARDED BY SEP TELS. HARRIMAN OBSERVED THAT WORKING PAPER III CALLS SPECIFICALLY FOR ACTION UNDER CHAPTER VII. HE NOTED THAT THE "NON-ALIGNED" GROUP IS TO EXAMINE THE DRAFTS. THE AFRICAN GROUP DISCUSSED THEM MORNING MARCH 10, BUT TEXTS WERE NOT DISTRIBUTED.

3. HARRIMAN AGREED WITH MR. MCHENRY'S SUGGESTION OF THE NEED FOR NEW COOPERATION RATHER THAN A PROLIFERATION OF UNENFORCEABLE RESOLUTIONS. BUT, HARRIMAN CONTINUED, AFRICANS HAD COOPERATED WITH WEST ON SC RES 385, ONLY TO HAVE LAST US ADMINISTRATION DASH ITS HOPES AND EMBARK ON A DIFFERENT COURSE. HE OBSERVED THAT THE MOOD NOW IS RIGHT FOR A NEW KIND OF INITIATIVE. HARRIMAN AGREED TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SUGGESTION THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF NIGERIA, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, INDIA, LIBYA, BENIN, MAURITIUS, UK, FRANCE, FRG AND CANADA MEET FOR LUNCH AT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S RESIDENCE, MARCH 18, TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS. HARRIMAN ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS OF TANZANIA, NIGERIA, AND ZAMBIA WOULD BE ATTENDING SC DEBATE. HE LEFT OPEN QUESTION WHETHER ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTIONS WAS A SINE QUO NON RESULT FOR DEBATE, ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED WISH THAT APARTHEID DEBATE TERMINATE DURING MARCH.
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